

# DDS Presents!

## Supporting Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Needs

**Presented by: Joan B. Beasley, Ph.D., LMHC**

*For DDS and Private Agency Employees in Case Management,  
Clinical Services and Program Services*

**When:**

**November 1, 2007**

**Where:**

**NEAT Marketplace**

**Hartford, CT**

**Two Sessions**

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

### **Mental Health Aspects of Mental Retardation: A Multi-Modal Approach**

Persons with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities who present complex challenging behaviors require complex assessments and intervention strategies. Effective assessment and treatment planning accounts for the bio (medical, psychiatric, medication reactions, syndromes, neurological), psycho (psychological features and skill deficits), social (interpersonal, environmental, programmatic, physical) context of problem behaviors. The presentation will provide the essential elements to a multimodal approach to the assessment and treatment of complex behaviors based on an integrated bio-psycho-social model. Assessment, diagnosis and treatment strategies will also be discussed.

**1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

### **Cross Systems Collaboration in Crisis Prevention and Intervention Planning to Assist Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Needs**

Individuals with developmental disabilities and mental health needs often use multiple service systems. Cross systems collaboration in the crisis prevention and intervention planning process helps the individual, professionals, and caregivers to manage challenges and to accurately identify what to do as well as who to call to help prevent a crisis. Cross-systems crisis prevention and intervention planning also offers a clear process to intervene should a crisis occur. This presentation describes the benefits and obstacles in cross-systems collaboration for crisis prevention and intervention planning, and the format and protocol used to assist multiple service providers in the development of an effective crisis prevention and intervention process.

### **About the Presenter:**

Joan B. Beasley, Ph.D., has published numerous articles and book chapters, and is a contributing editor to the journal The Mental Health Aspects of Developmental Disabilities. She has also provided training and consultation in many venues in the U.S. and Canada. Dr. Beasley co-founded and directed the START/ Sovner Center program from 1989 until 2000. In 2001, the program was identified in the US Surgeon General's report as a national model. ***Continued Next Page***

Dr. Beasley currently works nationally and internationally to promote the development of effective services for people with disabilities and their families. In doing so, she has assisted in the development and implementation of program models and services in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Ohio, Minnesota, Texas, North Carolina, Tennessee, California, Rhode Island, Maine, and in parts of Canada. From 2000-2006, Dr. Beasley assisted in the monitoring of service development state-wide in the State of Washington on behalf of individuals with co-occurring disorders.

Dr. Beasley developed an assessment tool to evaluate service systems and provide important feedback to policy makers. She serves as a consultant to both the Department of Mental Retardation and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services in Connecticut. Current projects also include TNSTART in Chattanooga Tennessee, a pilot project for the state of Tennessee based on the original START model and another pilot in Ohio being developed for children also based on START.

Dr. Beasley served on the Board of Directors of NADD from 2000-2006, and continues as Chair of the NADD U.S. Public Policy Committee begun in 2002. Since 2003, Dr. Beasley has edited "The US Public Policy Update" an ongoing contribution to the NADD Bulletin. In 2006, Dr. Beasley was appointed to the Advisory Board of NADD.

### **Register Early – Space is Limited!**

**Pre-Registration is required for both sessions. Please submit the attached registration form**

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**120 Holcomb Road  
Hartford, CT**

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